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168.00 Ethis Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2001 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT A

In the specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 23 and ending on page 11, line 7 and replace it with the following:

In operation, oscillator 20 causes transducer 16 to transmit a wave at a reference frequency in the direction of arrow 42 which wave is received by transducer 18. The wave received by transducer 18 is transmitted to frequency detection device 24 of microprocessor 22. Generally, as long as the mass per unit area of the membrane 14 does not change, the reference frequency input by transducer 16 and received by transducer 18 remains constant. However,

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